

Homestead Offers Hot Pot Scuba

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One of Utah's oldest resorts now offers a first: scuba diving in a 90 degree natural hot spring. The 55-foot tall rock dome at The Homestead Resort in Midway was first used as a therapeutical mineral bath for miners and visitors. Later, the water was piped to wooden-framed "pools" as Schneiders Hot Pots. Now, visitors to the famed

resort can take pleasure in exploring the depths of Midway's largest hot pot.

The dome was formed over hundreds of years as the overflow from the mineral rich spring waters, heated deep inside the earth, spilled out onto the land. In time, the minerals developed lava-like rock (calcite) and shaped a large mound.

Although water once flowed out the top of the mound, the water level is now about 45 feet below the dome's top.

The Homestead Crater is now accessible through a 110 foot tunnel blasted into the pot rock and a floating dock serves as a base for scuba diving and lessons, snorkeling, mineral baths and swimming. The water is a constant 90 degrees and is crystal blue, reflecting throughout the dome's hourglass shape. The water deepens to about 65 feet, with a layer of silt eight to 16 feet deep on the crater's bottom.

Old cans, thousands of coins, bottles and other debris have been found in the silt of the bottom, relics from times when people would toss items into the crater. An on-going archeological/geological research project by Dr. Jerry Simons has even uncovered old marbles.

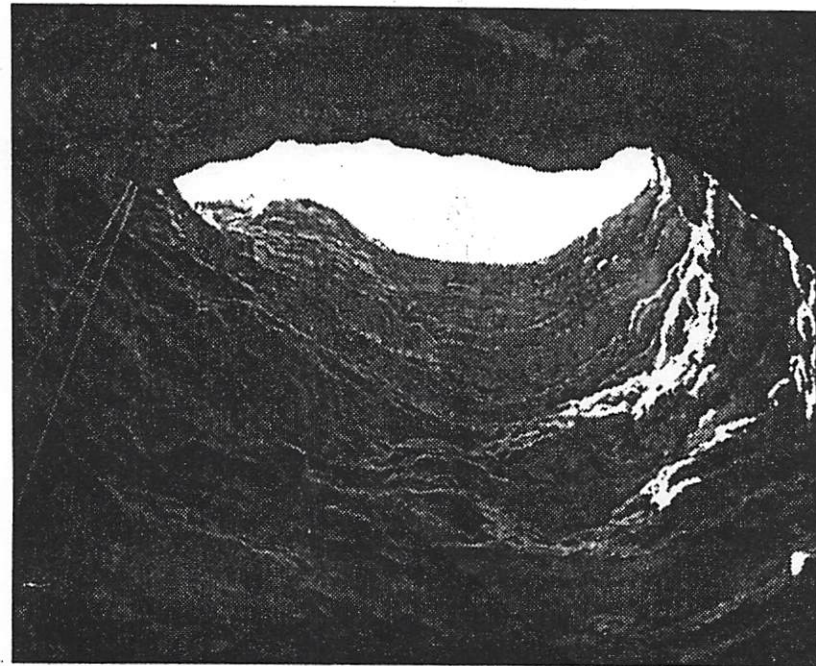
These days the only items going into the crater's depths are people outfitted with scuba gear. From the depths they too can explore the

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wonders of a natural hot spring, or simply float on the surface enjoying the warm mineral water.

The Homestead is offering a variety of packages for scuba and lessons.



Looking up at the dome of the Homestead Hot Pot.



Divers enjoy the 90 degree temperatures, year round.

and horse are a team. Quinters helps his students understand how to feel the horse instead of forcing saddles

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Lankenshire, played by Roger Urry. Lankenshire, sometimes hard to understand with a deep English accent, is one of the main characters in the play. He provides not only comedy relief, but also interesting history of Midway. Lankenshire despises the idea of Andrew and Lucy getting married for the fact that one comes from the Swiss heritage, and Lucy, his granddaughter, is English. But after Lankenshire is physically removed, the LDS bishop unites the two, this is the first marriage in a long line of marriages, and although the singing and acting is good, the marriages become so intertwined that the play sometimes becomes confusing.

The play gives great background information on Midway. Little known things like the first Indians who come to Midway seeking food, or they will threaten the village. A member of the church settles with the Indians by giving them food

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wife, with little or no say by the husband. Another interesting piece of information the play talks about is how the elderly did not like all the new people coming into the

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county officials, namely, that projects such as the PRRP provide playgrounds for people from the Wasatch Front and that the County ends up paying the bills to clean up the mess. Two points of rebuttal - first, people in Wasatch County need recreation as much as other folks, and having a fabulous trout fishery right in our backyard seems a great way to provide it.

Second, a number of people in